

Zimbabwe

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise caution in Zimbabwe due to COVID-19, crime and civil unrest. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 2 blank pages in their passport for each entry stamp/visa that will be required. A visa is required, to be obtained at port of entry.

US Embassy/Consulate

+(263) (0) 867-701-1000; US Embassy Harare, 2 Lorraine Drive, Bluffhill, Harare, Zimbabwe

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

Tropical; moderated by altitude; rainy season (November to March)

Currency (Code)

Zimbabwean dollars (ZWD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

240 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): D, G



Major Languages

Shona (most widely spoken), Ndebele (second most widely spoken), English (traditionally used for business), 13 minority languages (includes Chewa, Chibarwe, Kalanga, Koisan, Nambya, Ndau, Shangani, sign language, Sotho, Tonga, Tswana, Venda, and Xhosa)

Religions

Protestant 74.8% (includes Apostolic 37.5%, Pentecostal 21.8%, other 15.5%), Roman Catholic 7.3%, other Christian 5.3%, traditional 1.5%, Muslim 0.5%, other 0.1%, none 10.5%

Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

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| International Driving Permit | Suggested |
| Road Driving Side | Left |
| Tourist destinations | Harare; Chinhoyi Caves; Bulawayo; Great Zimbabwe Ruins; Hwange National Park; Mana Pools National Park; Lake Kariba; Victoria Falls, Matobo National Park |
| Cultural Practices | Speaking to someone with your hands in your pockets is considered impolite. |
| Tipping Guidelines | At restaurants, the tipping standard is usually 10% of the bill. Tip safari guides at the end of a tour \$10-15 (USD) per person per day. |
| Telephone Code | 263 |
| Local Emergency Phone | Ambulance: 994, 999; Fire: 993, 999; Police: 995, 999 |

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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